



November 18, 2009

Bill Wycko, Environmental Officer  
San Francisco, Planning Department,  
1650 Mission Street, Suite 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Calaveras Dam Replacement

The League of Women Voters of the Bay Area (LWVBA) and the League of Women Voters of San Francisco (LWVSF) have long advocated a stewardship policy in the Water System Improvement Program that emphasizes goals for lessening the impact on all water bodies within the system and for achieving environmental restoration wherever possible. We have asked for increased conservation and reclamation as a means of addressing future water supply needs without taking more water from the Tuolumne River or other tributaries to the system.

We support a new Calaveras Dam as a major improvement to public safety, built to survive a 7.2 magnitude quake on the Calaveras Fault. It also provides an opportunity to restore the endangered steelhead trout.

Restoration of steelhead trout is in accordance with your Water Enterprise Environmental Stewardship Policy's commitment to responsible natural resources management that protects and restores viable populations of native species and maintains the integrity of the ecosystems that support them for current and future generations.

To take advantage of this opportunity, we ask that you release flows sufficient to save endangered species according to recommendations from the National Marine Fisheries Service and principles of adaptive management.

A lot of progress has been made in fish restoration. Don't miss this chance to take another major step.

Sincerely,

Marion Taylor  
Vice President, Program and Advocacy  
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